

KACEY ROSE

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Insurance & Real Estate Committee

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Dear Committee Members,

Thank you so much for your consideration and support of House Bill No. 5009 -
***AN ACT CONCERNING WELLNESS PROGRAMS AND EXPANSION
OF HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE.***

I am so pleased to see that lines 207 through 256 concerning the HLA coverage insurance requirements. My understanding is that there too many people in this world that cannot find a match on any of the national bone marrow registries. My daughter, who was diagnosed with leukemia in 2007, was yet another individual unable to find a bone marrow match.

During her treatment and even now, my wife and I continue to meet many families who are also in this situation. Their children are in need of a stem cell transplant but they are unable to do anything about it because there are no matched potential donors. Of course, this is not limited to just children; many adults also require a stem cell transplant from a matched donor to treat a host of cancers and other illnesses.

If this bill is passed, it will remove a barrier that would likely prevent certain individuals from participating in the marrow donor program. The end result of removing this hurdle will increase the number of registered donors. This will inevitably save many lives that absolutely require a stem cell transplant to survive. We do hope that you will approve this bill.

Sincerely,
Glen Mitchell
President – Kacey Rose Foundation. Inc.

Kristina Mitchell
Vice President – Kacey Rose Foundation. Inc.

Thank you again, and we look forward to your continued support on this Bill.

Sincerely,
Glen Mitchell